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Group Art Unit: 1742

Examiner: Janelle Combs-Morillo

Title: HIGH STRENGTH ALUMINUM ALLOY CASTING AND
METHOD OF PRODUCTION OF SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2005, Paper No./Mail Date 120505, please consider the following.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-7, 12, 16-22, 24 and 25, drawn to aluminum alloy, classified in class 420, subclass 534.
- II. Claims 8-11, 13-15 and 23, drawn to a method of casting and heat treating an aluminum alloy, classified in class 148, subclass 549.

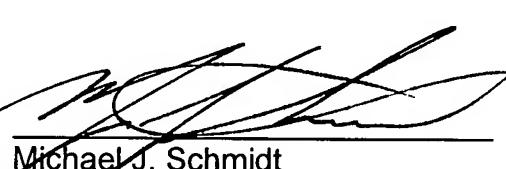
Applicants, without traverse, respectfully request the Examiner to proceed with Invention I defined by Claims 1-7, 12, 16-22, 24 and 25. Applicants request that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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